| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 13. | Karnataka | 1987.2 |
| 14. | Kerala | 3940.6 |
| 15. | Madhya Pradesh | 1839.9 |
| 16. | Maharashtra | 4484.7 |
| 17. | Manipur | 412.4 |
| 18. | Meghalaya | 35.6 |
| 19. | Mizoram | 41.8 |
| 20. | Nagaland | 35.7 |
| 21. | Orissa | 773.1 |
| 22. | Punjab | 520.8 |
| 23. | Rajasthan | 741.9 |
| 24. | Sikkim* | — |
| 25. | Tamil Nadu | 5045.1 |
| 26. | Tripura | 341.6 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 357.1 |
| 28. | Uttar Pradesh | 1829.0 |
| 29. | West Bengal | 6364.2 |
| **(B)** | **Union Territories** | |
| 30. | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 38.5 |
| 31. | Chandigarh | 84.2 |
| 32. | Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 5.6 |
| 33. | Daman and Diu | 8.1 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 11.4 |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 153.5 |
| | TOTAL : | 41634.6 |

* No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

**Default in remittance of PF Contribution**

2304. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the MINISTER OF LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a good number of tea estate companies have defaulted in remitting Provident Fund contribution of the employees and also the amount they collected from the workers by way of Provident Fund contribution to the Employees Provident Fund Scheme; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken, so far, to find a solution to this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Whenever any default is detected, action under section 7A, 8F, 8B to 8G, 14(1)(A), 14(B) & 7Q of Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1952, under section 406/409 of Indian Penal Code(IPC) and under section 110 of Criminal Procedure Code, are taken against defaulters.

**Arrears of ESI contribution**

2305. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the MINISTER OF LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) action taken to realize the arrears of ESI contribution from the tea estate companies; and

(b) whether such action has been a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Tea estates are not coverable under the ESI Act. However, tea companies situated outside the tea estates and engaged in sale of tea or its marketing are coverable as 'shops' under Section 1(5) of the ESI Act. Similarly tea manufacturing unit situated outside the tea estates and engaged in the process of blending, packing or re-packing of tea and working for more than 7 months in a year are coverable as factories under Secton 2(12) of the ESI Act.

As per ESI Act, any contribution payable under this act is recovered as arrears of land revenue. This also includes arrears outstanding against above stated tea companies covered under the ESI Act. Assessment of contribution and the recovery of the same in case of default on the part of the employers are ongoing processes. The ESI arrears of defaulting employers are recovered as per Section 45-C to 45-I of the ESI Act by the recovery machinery of ESI Corporation. No special provision for recovery of arrears of ESI contribution from tea companies has been provided in the ESI Act.

(b) Recovery Action taken as per the provisions of the ESI Act